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Kasia Bednarska's Italian greyhound Tali was mauled by a pit bull in Prospect Park.

Dog-beat-dog world

Vicious canine violence lands lady with big bills

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

chocolate-brown pit bull who pounced on the skinnier dog and broke his left front leg.

Owner of the pit bull — whom Bednarska described as a 30-something blonde — fled, leaving Bednarska's 10-month-old pup whimpering in agony.

"His leg was just hanging there," she said. "I understand they're both animals, but you should have some control over

See DOG on page 12

Kasia Bednarska took her pup, Tali, to the dog run near the boathouse at 5 pm on Monday only to encounter a

SAVED!

'Offensive' crucifix will stay in Museum show

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

The show will go on — ants and crucifix be damned.

The Brooklyn Museum will retain a controversial video featuring ants crawling on a crucifix as part of a larger show on American portrait art that opens on Nov. 18 — ignoring calls from the Brooklyn Diocese, and Republican politicians, to remove the video on the grounds that it will be "offensive to many people."

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The Brooklyn Museum is including David Wojnarowicz's controversial video, "A Fire in My Belly," in its new show, despite outrage from Catholics — and Republicans! — that the image of ants crawling on a crucifix is offensive.

Courtesy of the Estate of David Wojnarowicz and PPO/W.Gallery

The four-minute Super-8 video, "A Fire in My Belly" by late artist David Wojnarowicz, contains an arresting 12-second clip of the picnic pests crawling over a wooden sculpture of Jesus on the cross.

In a statement released last Friday, a museum spokeswoman said of its exhibit, "Hide/Seek: Difference and Desire in American Portraiture," will include the video with all 104 other works because the institution remains dedicated to "freedom of expression" and "presenting differing views, which fosters greater understanding and tolerance."

"The [Wojnarowicz] video is an expression of the artist's out-

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Ratner sued over 'sham' jobs

By Daniel Bush
The Brooklyn Paper

Atlantic Yards developer Bruce Ratner set up a "sham" job-training program that ended up screwing workers out of promised union positions on his \$5-billion mega-project, a bombshell lawsuit charged on Tuesday.

The workers say that they were promised union membership and

jobs in exchange for taking a 15-week apprenticeship course in 2010, but were never hired on at the Prospect Heights site — which includes the Barclays Center and 16 residential towers on a 22-acre parcel of land stretching from Flatbush Avenue to Vanderbilt Avenue.

"They told us they would set aside jobs," said Kathleen



Noriega, one of the plaintiffs. "What they did was wrong and misleading."

Noriega and six other plaintiffs are being represented by South Brooklyn Legal Services, which has long been involved in Atlantic Yards-related suits.

"The project developers ... blatantly violated many federal and state statutes designed to protect individuals from exploitation," said lawyer Molly Thomas-Jensen. "The project developers

... also made promises, to community members and directly to the plaintiffs in this case, that they have broken."

The federal suit claims that executives at Forest City Ratner pledged in writing to reserve some of the thousands of jobs for neighbors of the project as part of the controversial See RATNER on page 12



Gus Santos of Windsor Terrace was surprised to learn that a crew of thieves had targeted his neighbor's brand new Honda on Thursday morning.

Tire thieves strike

Pro crew targets Brownstone Brooklyn

By Thomas Tracy
The Brooklyn Paper

Two Brownstone Brooklyn residents found their tireless cars propped on cinder blocks last Thursday morning, and cops say the rim thefts are the latest in a trend that is sweeping through tonier neighborhoods.

"We've been hit pretty regularly for about two months, get-

ting at least one a week," said Capt. John Lewis, the commanding officer of the 76th Precinct, which covers Carroll Gardens.

"The kids that have these souped-up cars like the look of the new Honda wheels."

Lewis surmised that a professional pit crew has been prowling the area, and they don't waste time when they see what they want.

"These are not random thefts,"

Lewis said. "There are crews that go around looking for these tires. And they're very fast."

The tireless tire thieves bounced around Brownstone Brooklyn overnight, swiping pricy wheels and rims from late-model vehicles.

Windsor Terrace resident Benita Hirsch was one such victim: on Thursday morning when she See TIRES on page 13



Prospect Park watchdogs think this thick lake scum is evidence of an ecological disaster.

Park's lake covered in gross scum

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

The Parks Department spent much of the past three days denying reports that a deadly green bacteria has overwhelmed the Prospect Park lake — but then revealed this week that biologists are testing the scum to determine the full extent

of the threat.

Park advocates say the thick, rapidly multiplying slime has scared off wildlife, put poaches at risk — and possibly poisoned an animal found dead in the lake on Sunday.

"It's sick," said park advocate Ed Bahlman. "There's a complete lack of care for



this lake."

Scientists have not yet confirmed the strand of scum, which was first reported by our sister publication, the New York Post. But the men and women in the white jackets admitted that it might be cyanobacteria, a blue-green algae that can make humans sick and

kill animals.

That's what worries Bahlman, who discovered the corpse of a rabbit-sized creature covered in the gunk.

"A mammal doesn't die in a body of water unless it's sick," he said. "It's very suspicious."

Since May, the pea soup-colored substance has grown

visibly thicker as park watchdogs report fewer egrets, herons and other fish-eating birds at the lake. It could be an indication that the feathered creatures aren't comfortable with multiplying level of the slime.

Life on Earth would be unthinkable without algae

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Where's BeeBop?

Missing cat a Facebook sensation

By Kate Briquet
The Brooklyn Paper

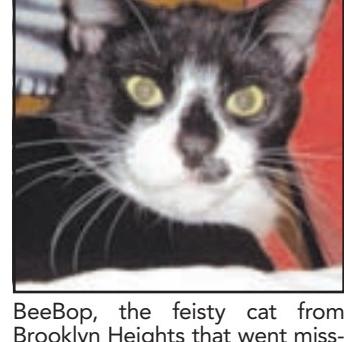
Brooklyn Heights residents and cat ladies of the Internet want to know: Where is BeeBop?

The skittish tuxedo cat ran away from his home on Columbia Place in June, but owner Cathy Sheehan and her 1,300 Facebook supporters aren't giving up

turning the search into the latest feline whodunit since that cat who was missing at JFK for two months.

"My heart is broken beyond repair," said Sheehan, a legal secretary who moved to Maine over the summer to care for a sick relative. "But I can't just give up. This is a cat neighborhood and somebody took him in."

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BeeBop, the feisty cat from Brooklyn Heights that went missing over Fourth of July weekend.

NAKED RAMPAGE

Here's the skinny on Ridge's nude avenger

By Dan MacLeod
The Brooklyn Paper

A deranged woman ransacked a Chinese restaurant, stripped down to her birthday suit, and literally stopped traffic on Third Avenue last Thursday, drawing hundreds

WE HAVE PHOTOS!

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of onlookers before cops finally ended the freak show.

The trouble started at around 3 pm

when the then-fully clothed 60-year-old woman — whose identity was not released — entered Dragon China between 79th and 80th streets and demanded free food after seeing the word "free" on the take-out menu.

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Down, boy

World hot dog eating-champion Joey Chestnut gets some competition from Chloe, who won top prize in the "hottest dog" contest at the new PetSmart in Carroll Gardens.

'Occupiers' fan out across boro

By Eli Rosenberg
The Brooklyn Paper

The Occupy Wall Street movement finally took on a Brooklyn accent on Saturday, with protesters decrying "crony capitalism"

at several controversial sites — rallying most heatedly at a spot that many call the ultimate symbol of corporate control of democracy, the Atlantic Yards megadevelopment.

Occupy Brooklyn protesters started their march at the JP Morgan Chase complex in Downtown's Metrotech Center, com-



plaining that the bank got a sweetheart tax subsidy deal, but the main target of the anger was Bruce Ratner's heavily subsidized Atlantic Yards project, which was approved by a secretive state panel in late 2006 without going through the city's normal public review process.

"There is no greater monument to crony capitalism in all of Brooklyn than Atlantic Yards," Daniel Goldstein, the founder of Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn, yelled when the march stopped across the street



Protesters hit several downtown sites on Saturday.

from skeletal, half-built Barclays Center, the under-construction, 19,000-seat basketball arena.

Goldstein and others — who lost their years-long battle with Ratner and the state — continue to complain that the developer used his connections in government to buy the air rights for his proposed mega-development from the Metropolitan Transportation

Authority for far less than they were worth, then button-holed the same politicians to greenlight massive subsidies for the project — which is currently stalled because of the slack economy.

For a movement that's been criticized for a lack of specific and tangible ideas, Occupy Brooklyn's marchers came fully armed See OWS on page 13

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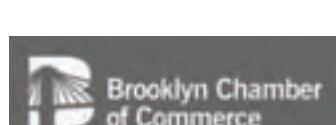


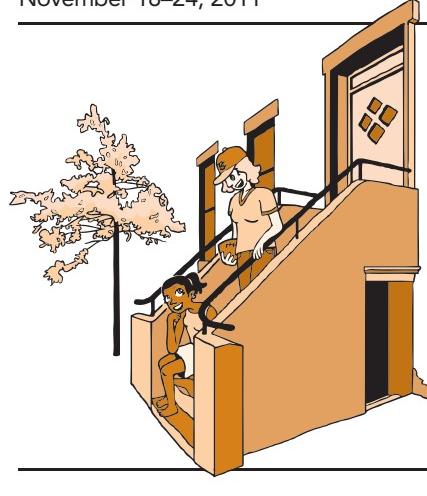
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PARK SLOPE



It's this kind of trash that is fueling the BID buzz.

Seventh cents Merchants want new tax to keep the avenue clean

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

Seventh Avenue business owners are moving ahead with a plan to levy a new tax to clean up Park Slope's main shopping strip after city officials failed to properly do the job.

Dozens of business owners will set up a Business Improvement District board this week — the first step in creating such a district to impose a tax on building owners to supplement declining city services such as trash pick-ups and, possibly, security.

After the board is formed, half of all building owners along a yet-to-be-determined geographical stretch between Flatbush and Prospect avenues must agree to a tax levy of roughly \$300 per storefront per year.

Those who object can fill out a city form and file it with the city clerk, but few business owners in Park Slope are expected to do so.

"There's a lot to gain from the pooling of resources and the amount of money it generates," said Mitch Szpicek of the Park Slope Chamber of Commerce, which will meet to form the BID board.

The push comes five months after elected officials chose not to renew a contract with a non-profit that hires homeless men to collect street trash. Critics say that the existence of such a program revealed the dirty secret of city services: their quality is declining.

Indeed, trash collection has not proven to be frequent enough to keep the restaurant- and retail-lined street clean — and trashcans have been overflowing.

Since business improvement districts became legal in the early 1980s, more than five dozen BIDs have been created in middle- to upper-middle-class neighborhoods all over the city. They generate \$100 million in supplemental taxes — money that is not subject to the same public review as other taxes.

Once a BID is formed, owners of all the 350 storefronts along Seventh Avenue in Park Slope would need to pay the tax — and some merchants claim they don't get enough bang for their buck.

But Fifth Avenue — which became a more popular shopping destination after the BID was formed — is an example of the way Seventh Avenue could benefit, said Ken Freeman, president of the Park Slope Civic Council.

"Some building owners think, 'More tax? What I am I getting for that?'" he said. "But we desperately need it if city services aren't always enough."

COLUMBIA STREET

So long, Sokol Bros.

Old furniture store sells to developer

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

The owner of a sprawling, family-owned furniture store has closed shop after 62 years in the Columbia Waterfront District — leaving a Madison Avenue-based real estate company in charge of the half-block-sized, multi-million-dollar slab of real estate.

Michael Sokol — who ran Sokol Brothers Furniture on the Columbia Street between President and Carroll streets — sold the building last

week, ditching the sofa-slinging trade to "retire and do a little world traveling."

"It's just time to go," he said, noting he has watched the rapidly gentrifying area morph from nice into gritty — and then back again.

Sokol sold the property to Columbia Street Development LLC, a Manhattan-based real-estate investment company for \$3.3 million on

Changing Brooklyn

Oct. 31. The sale is one hint that the neighborhood's slow gentrification is beginning to yield glitzier retail shops and housing.

Sokol's father opened the store — which showcased antique rocking chairs, cozy couches and sleek wooden desks — the year that the

color television was invented and not long after Brooklyn-Queens Expressway sprouted a couple blocks away.

Sokol took over the business in the mid-1970s — before the artists moved in, before the brownstones took

over, before restaurants popped up and before IKEA opened a mile away.

His business stayed strong even as trendy shops opened and closed around him, in part because his store felt like a throwback to another era with friendly faces. "It was a ma and pa institution," said nearby resident Brian McCormick.

Officials at Columbia Street Development did not return calls, but McCormick said he hoped that the new owners fill the space with a "destination" spot to drive folks to the neighborhood, which has also recently seen a surge in creative types. "It's comforting to see storefronts that you're used to," he said.

"But this is part of another wave."



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Michael Sokal has closed his Sokol Bros. Furniture store on Columbia Street. It will become a high-end condo.

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90TH PRECINCT

Southside-Bushwick

Bicycle thief

A perp on a black bicycle robbed another cyclist at the foot of the Williamsburg Bridge near Broadway on Nov. 7.

The cyclist told police that she was riding down the bike path toward Driggs Avenue at 12:25 am when the perp rode up to her, pushed her to the ground, and stated, "Stop, don't scream, give me your bag."

She struggled with the perp, but he gave up and made a getaway on the ramp toward Manhattan on his own bike.

iStolen

A thief snatched an iPhone from a woman on the J train at Marcy Avenue on Nov. 9.

The victim told police that she was surfing the web on her phone at 10:30 am when the perp grabbed her phone from her hands and scratched her face. He ran off the train into the station and down to Broadway. — **Aaron Short**

84TH PRECINCT

Brooklyn Heights-DUMBO-Boerum Hill-Downtown

iPhone stolen

Two thieves stole a woman's cellphone on Red Cross Place on Nov. 9. The victim said she was near Adams Street at 10 pm when the thieves punched her in the face and grabbed the phone.

Chain ganged

Three thieves stole a \$1,400 Gucci necklace at the Borough Hall subway station on Nov. 1.

The victim said that he was inside the Joralemon Street station at 6:50 pm when one of the men yanked the chain from his neck.

— **Daniel Bush**

POLICE BLOTTER

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Fourth avenues at around 9:30 pm when he heard someone inside the unit.

He went to investigate, but the man exited through the front door, \$80 in ill-gotten funds in his possession.

Cash carry

A thief got close to \$10,000 and plenty of high-tech goodies after breaking into a Carroll Street home overnight on Nov. 8.

The victim told cops that she was between 70th and 71st streets at 2:45 pm when the perp, who had been following her, snatched the diamond-encrusted, \$5,000 chain, then ran down 71st Street.

Clubbed!

Thieves busted into a 62nd Street Norwegian sporting club on Nov. 10 and made off with \$100 from the register.

The owner told cops that employees closed the club between Eighth and Ninth avenues, at around 7:30 pm, and returned just after midnight to find that a thief had entered through a window.

Closer inspection revealed that he had taken \$9,000, assorted jewelry plus three computers and a digital camera.

— **Gersh Kuntzman**

94TH PRECINCT

Greenpoint-Northside

iSnatch

A thief on a bicycle stole a woman's iPhone on Roebling Street on Nov. 9.

The victim told the police that she was near N. Fifth Street at 6:45 pm when the perp rode up behind her, snatched her phone from her hand, and fled.

Purse threat

A thief stole a woman's purse on Nov. 7 on Kent Ave.

The victim told police that she was near N. Fourth Street at 11:05 am when the perp approached her and said, "Give me your purse!"

The victim complied, and the thief ran away.

— **Aaron Short**

68TH PRECINCT

Bay Ridge-Dyker Heights

Flatbushed

Thieves ambushed a woman on Flatbush Avenue on Nov. 10 — but got only clothes.

The 55-year-old victim said she was between Prospect Place and St. Marks Avenue at around 7:30 pm when three men approached from behind, and one grabbed her purse.

The trio of thugs got away only to discover that the handbag contained only clothes, valued at \$0 by police.

Inside job

A brazen thief took cash from a 14th Street apartment on Nov. 11, striking while the resident was in the next room.

The victim told cops that he was in his office inside the apartment between Third and

Chain of fools

A mugger swiped a price diamond and gold chain off a woman's neck on 13th Avenue on Nov. 9.

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77TH PRECINCT

Prospect Heights

i-Had

A jerk stole an iPad from a bar on Vanderbilt Avenue on Nov. 12.

The 23-year-old victim told cops that she left the so-called "God tablet" on a table at Plan B, between Prospect and Sterling places at 12:30 am — when the perp grabbed the shiny device and fled.

Fendi bender

A thief broke into a clothing store on Vanderbilt Avenue on Nov. 14.

The victim told cops that the jerk stole \$800 worth of merchandise from the store between Prospect Place and St. Marks Avenue, including a gold belt and a Fendi bag around 3:30 pm.

— **Eli Rosenberg**

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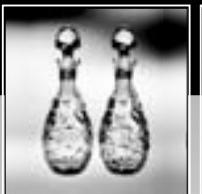
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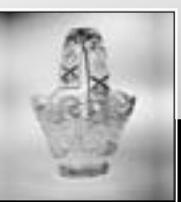
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Drinking the revolution

Sixpoint hops on the 'Occupy' bandwagon with new ale

By Eli Rosenberg
The Brooklyn Paper

The revolution will be brewed. Sixpoint brewery in Red Hook has created "Occupation Ale"—and the hoppy attempt to capitalize on the Occupy Wall Street movement is flying off the shelves.

"We've been selling it like hotcakes," said Matt Barclay, a manager at Bierkraft on Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, which has temporarily sold out of the stuff.

The new beer, which was first reported by Brooklyn, a website, is certainly not Sixpoint's first attempt to ferment a revolution.

In 2008, the company marketed a "Hop Obama" ale—named for then-candidate Barack Obama—but pulled it from the shelves after the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms sent a threatening letter.

But Barclay believes that the brewery has now recycled Hop Obama as Occupation Ale.

"It's the same beer," said Barclay.

Sixpoint denied the allegation, despite its promise to bring back the beer under a different name.

The company also insisted that the Occupation Ale was not a formal endorsement of Occupy Wall Street.

"Our company is not committed to any of the ideals of Occupy Wall Street other than the virtue of non-violent protest," said Shane Welch, the company's president.

Representatives from the anti-capitalist movement were critical of the latest attempt at merchandising their brand.

"Whenever there's legitimate chance to make reform, some people see a chance to make some money," said Bill Csapo, an Occupy Wall Street organizer. "The branding of an ideal is not a very good idea—it has a way of diffusing movements. I don't think that anybody in the organization would approve of it being turned into an artisan ale."

So there's nothing truly revolutionary about a \$5 pint of beer.

"No sir, I do not believe so," said Csapo. "I think that's pretty much business as usual."

The good news is that Sixpoint's Occupation Ale does differ from its namesake in one important way: it does not taste like wet socks and reek of long nights in a drippy tent with six unwashed frat boys from Haverford.

"It's actually bright and fresh tasting," said Barclay. "It's a good beer."



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with hard facts about the economic injustice they believe is rife in the borough. Subsidies and sweetheart deals were the main theme of the day.

At the JP Morgan building, Occupy Brooklyn protesters claimed that the bank had received \$237 million in tax breaks after promising to create 5,000 local jobs.

Only 1,800 were created, protesters said, though the bank says it is close to 2,500—the number of jobs it is now required to create under a 2004 rewritten tax deal.

"Banks laid off tons of workers—and still got to keep all that money," yelled a protester as the group stopped in front of the bank. "That ain't right!"

At a stop in front of the former Albee Square Mall on Fulton Street, one protester got on the "human mic" and blasted another developer, Joe Sitt, who bought the mall in 2001 and flipped it only a few years later.

"He bought this property for \$20 million and then sold it for \$120 million," the lead-chanter said, overestimating Sitt's eventual big windfall by \$20 million. "It was the city that allowed this property to be so valuable through [the controversial Downtown Brooklyn Plan] re-zoning and... more than 100 jobs and 30 businesses were evicted with no relocation assistance."

The new developers of the project, a 70-story proposed tower called CityPoint, also got a \$20-million federal subsidy.



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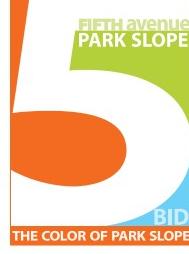


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Spirit in the sky

A steel shed in Williamsburg is Brooklyn's latest craft distillery

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

The spirit is risen—and now you can taste it.

The gin has begun to flow at the New York Distilling Company in Williamsburg this week—pleasing cocktail nerds and gin lovers throughout the city.

Former Brooklyn Brewery co-founder Tom Potter, who helped turn a fledgling craft brewer into one of the 20 largest beer makers in the country, joined former Slow Food USA chairman Allen Katz to build a gin and whiskey distillery from scratch in foodie Brooklyn.

They found a bare bones corrugated steel shed on Leonard Street last year whose renovations left them neither shaken nor stirred.

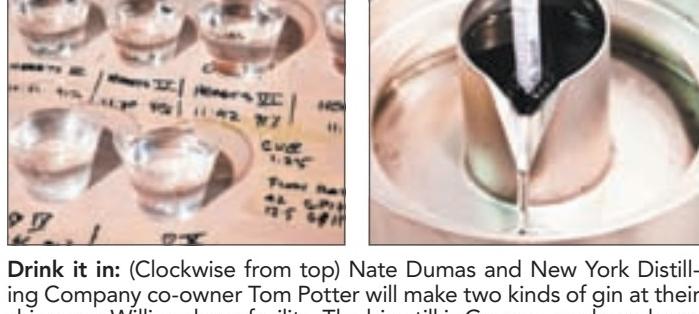
"Before we got here the building had no water, sewers, plumbing, gas, and electricity—it was exactly what we wanted," said Potter. "Today, this is one of the best laid-out distilleries in the East Coast."

On Wednesday, Potter and Katz began distilling the first batch of gin in a hand-hammered copper still imported from Germany.

It takes about eight hours to make drinkable gin in the warehouse's stills—but it can take as long as a week for the flavors of the mature gin to come together. And rye whiskey can age as long as six months to two years.

"The key behind distilling is that the alcoholic vapors come into contact with the copper, which mellows its taste," said Potter.

This year, Potter and Katz are focused on churning out two types of gin: "Perry's Tot," a 114-proof juniper juggernaut with a touch of wild honey that stands up to bold ingredients in mixed drinks; and "Dorothy Parker," a fruitier 85-proof gin that has hints of lemon, orange, cardamom, hibiscus and elderberry flavors. Each bottle should cost about \$34.



Drink it in: (Clockwise from top) Nate Dumas and New York Distilling Company co-owner Tom Potter will make two kinds of gin at their shiny new Williamsburg facility. The big still is German made and gorgeous—but what comes out of it is even better. Afterwards, only the best of the booze is bottled.

Neighborhood mixologists are already salivating.

But Dumas prefers the stronger stuff if you ask him.

"I want things to be upward of 50-percent alcohol; if you use 40 percent, it can taste watered down or insipid when you mix ingredients," said Dumas. "But if you use a stronger proof, it stands up to the shaking and stirring."

Now that's the can-do spirit!

The Shanty Bar and the New York Distilling Company [405 Leonard St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 473-2955]. For info, visit www.nydistilling.com.

from other distilleries from Brooklyn and beyond so you can perform your own taste test.

"We get excited about overproof spirit—they're great to work with in our drinks," said Dram's Tom Chadwick. "There isn't really much 114-proof gin on the market. I can't wait to try it."

And just after Thanksgiving the distillery's bar, *The Shanty*, will offer both gins in an array of classic and experimental cocktails.

The Shanty manager Nate Dumas will be serving up martinis, sazeracs, gin and tonics, and rye drinks—using housemade gins and those

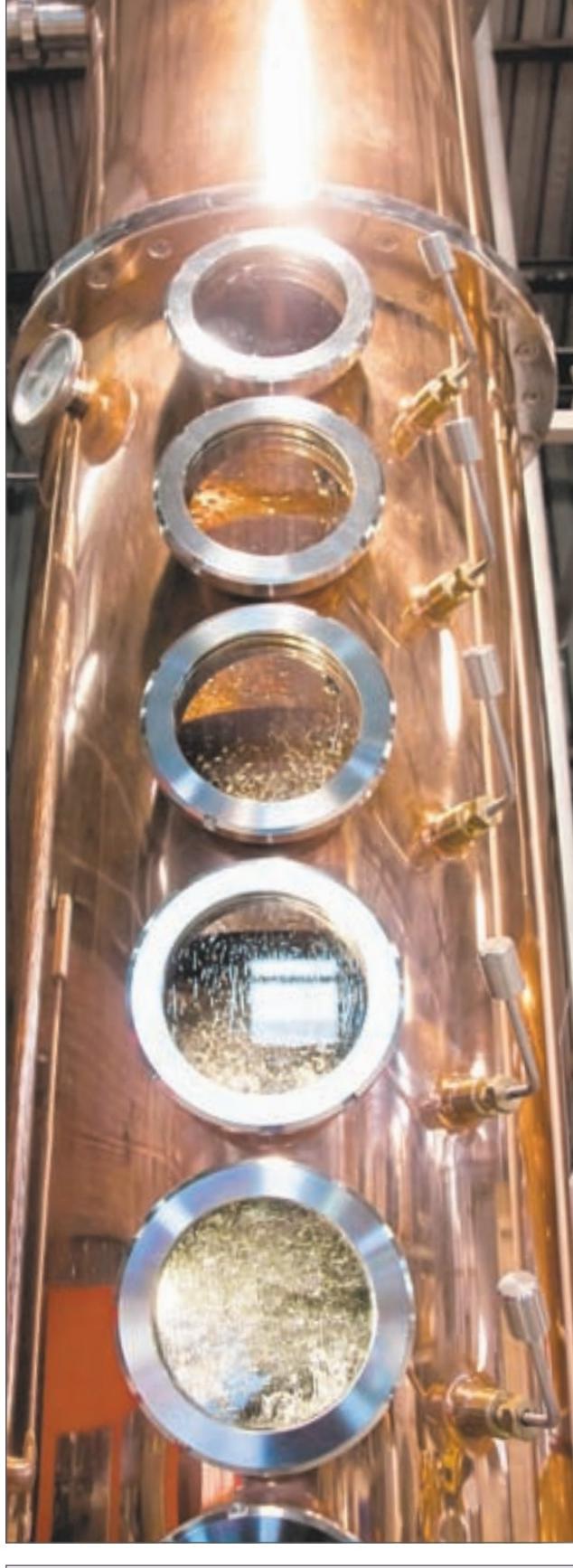


Photo by Stefano Giovanni

That's the spirit

So what, old chap, *is* gin? Simply put, gin, like all alcoholic beverages, is boiled yeast excrement.

Gin generally starts out as wheat, which is ground up, mixed with water and heated to release the sugar. That's where the yeast comes in—it digests all the sugar and poops out alcohol at about the strength of beer.

That brew is flavored with juniper berries and then boiled. The

resulting steam recondenses as a booze that's 40- to 50-percent alcohol.

Juniper is essential, but gin makers typically add in all manner of "botanicals," including orange peel, anise, and other herbs to flavor the resulting distillate.

New York Distilling Company will use cardamom, orange, lemon, hibiscus, and elderberry as botanicals to complement the distinctive juniper.

—Aaron Short

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Shakespeare wrote four plays in that productive year—and the Irondeale Ensemble Project will stage them all during its two-year "1599 Project," starting with "Henry V" on Nov. 22.

The other plays—"Julius Caesar," "As You Like It," and "Hamlet"—are all good, of course, but "Henry V" is especially timely, even 400 years later.

"Henry V" focuses on the effects of war on warriors and leaders," explained Irondeale Executive Director Terry Greiss, who will also act in the show. "We are living in a very politically fervent time, and there are many analogies to be made with these productions."

"Henry V" at Irondeale Ensemble Project [85 S. Oxford St. between Lafayette Avenue and Hanson Place in Fort Greene, (718) 488-9233]. Nov. 22-Dec. 10 (no show on Thanksgiving). \$35 (\$10 for Nov. 22 and Nov. 23 shows). For info, visit www.irondale.org. —Juliet Linderman

EVENT

Down under

Want to explore the depths of the sewer system, abandoned subway tunnels or a condemned mental institution—without getting dirty, injured, or arrested?

Head to Union Docs in Williamsburg on Nov. 20 for a multi-media presentation on—you guessed it!—the geography and history of New York's hidden treasures.

"New York is endlessly fascinating to explore," said photographer and documentarian Nathan Kensinger, who has documented his own five-borough adventures in photo essays that he will screen at the event. "There are so many layers and secrets; you could explore for decades—a whole lifetime—and still not know it all."

The discussion will also feature four "street historians": writer Kevin Walsh, who runs the website, *Forgotten NY*; film location scout Nick Carr; co-founder of historical tour company Urban Oyster, Cindy Vanden Bosch; and Moses Gates, who is currently climbing every bridge, visiting every abandoned subway station and walking all 2,217 census tracts in the city.

"Block by Block: New York Street Historians" at Union Docs [322 Union Ave. between Mauer and Ten Eyck streets in Williamsburg, (718) 395-7902]. Nov. 20, 7 pm, \$9 suggested donation. For info, visit www.uniondocs.org.

—Juliet Linderman



Photo by Aaron Short

CULTURE

Art pumping

Forget the gym! This weekend, work up a sweat at a Boerum Hill art gallery.

Kiwi Sweat, an aerobics program that offers fitness classes in unusual locations, is taking over Invisible Dog on Bergen Street from Nov. 17–20.

It's part normal exercise class—with 40 spinning bikes—and part adventure.

"We're giving people a chance to discover new parts of the city and get out of their comfort zone," said Alicia Thomas, one of the program's founders. "So many times we get stuck in our own routines. This makes it an event rather than a boring workout."

If Crunch or Equinox isn't your scene, try out these pay-per-class gatherings—in locations that are kept secret until a few weeks before the workouts begin.

Thomas and her partner, Pam Graf, are always on the lookout for inspiring spaces in Brooklyn to host their beginner and expert indoor cycling classes.

They've already set up in a DUMBO warehouse and at Chelsea Market in Manhattan, where they held a "midnight ride" replete with explicit, raunchy jams.

"We don't lean on the Top 40," Graf said. "We're pushing the envelope."

Kiwi Sweat at Invisible Dog [51 Bergen St. between Smith and Court streets in Boerum Hill, (646) 494-7905]. Nov. 17–20. Classes are \$27 (\$20 if you bring a friend). For info, visit www.kiwisweat.com. —Kate Briquet



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EDITORS' PICKS

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November 18



Poet knows it

Park Slope's own Tina Chang — aka the poet laureate! — will celebrate the release of her first book since being named the boro bard last year — with a big party. The book, "Of Gods and Strangers," is about 9-11 — but, hey, you need poets to help us make sense of big things like that.

7 pm. Tina Chang reads from "Of Gods and Strangers" at 61 Local [61 Bergen St. between Boerum Place and Smith Street in Boerum Hill (347) 763-6624]. For info visit www.tinachang.com.

SATURDAY

November 19

Cross check

Check out the Brooklyn Museum's new exhibit, "Hide/Seek: Difference and Desire in American Portraiture," which will feature artist David Wojnarowicz's video depicting ants crawling over Jesus on a crucifix — a piece that was censored in Washington last year. Show them a little love by paying the new \$12 entry fee (suggested!) and defending artistic freedom.

All day. "Hide/Seek: Difference and Desire in American Portraiture" at the Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000]. For info, visit www.brooklynmuseum.org.

1 pm. Bay Ridge Pie Social at the Art Room [8710 Third Ave. between 87th and 88th streets in Bay Ridge, (347) 560-6572]. Admission, \$20 for five slices (\$5 if you bring two pies). To sign up, e-mail bayridgpie@gmail.com.

SUNDAY

November 20



Pie in the sky

Pie lovers rejoice — the five-slices-for-\$20 Bay Ridge pie social is back. For the second year in a row, a do-gooding treat-makers Justin Branigan and Leigh Jewel Holliday will host their crucial lead-in to Thanksgiving — and all the money goes to the help kids with developmental disabilities. Ah, the win-win situation.

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WEDNESDAY

November 23

The good 'ol days

There's no better way to get ready for the boredom of a full day with your family than to bust loose with the Bell House's annual "Party Like It's 1999" party. The usual suspects will be on hand — '90s music and our editor's desire that the calendar still read the 20th century. He was great back then.

9 pm. "Party Like It's 1999" at the Bell House [149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510]. For info, visit www.thebellhouse-ny.com.

SATURDAY

November 26



Rabbit run

We've hunted for herbs, salad greens and mushrooms with the legendary "Wildman" Steve Brill, but now he's leading a foraging tour in Marine Park for that most-elusive of flora: wild carrots. Yes, you may not realize it, but wild carrots are to Brooklyn what tobaccos is to North Carolina — except it won't kill us all!

11:45 am. Wild-Carrot Hunt with "Wildman" Steve Brill (meet at Avenue U and Burnett Street in Marine Park). Call (914) 835-2153 to make a reservation.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

FRI, NOV. 18

ELDER SEMINAR: For seniors, families, caregivers and healthcare professionals. Key note speaker is Judith Grimaldi, Esq. RSVP required. Free. 1:30–6 pm. Long Island College Hospital [339 Hicks St. at Atlantic Avenue in Cobble Hill, (718) 270-2768].

DANCE-OFF FOR BROOKLYN: Six community leaders will dance for underserved youth in Brooklyn. \$50 (VIP tickets \$100). 5:30 pm. Kumble Theater at Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 488-1624]; www.brooklyn.liu.edu/KumbleTheater.

READING, TINA CHANG: Author of "Of Gods and Strangers," a new poetry collection. Free. 7 pm. 61 Local [61 Bergen St. between Smith and Court streets in Cobble Hill], 61local.com.

MUSIC, BENEFIT CONCERT WITH ORGANIST STEPHEN THARP: \$25. 7:30 pm. Grace Church [254 Hicks St. between Joralemon Street and Grace Court in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 624-1850]; www.orlbrooklyn.org.

MUSIC, 357 LOVER, BIKINI CAR-WASH, DAVE GODOWSKY: \$8. 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400]; www.unionhallny.com.

MUSIC, KATELYN CLARK: With Ekmeles Vocal Ensemble. \$10. 7:30 pm. First Presbyterian Church [124 Henry St. between Clarke and Pierrepont streets in Brooklyn Heights, (212) 203-7211]; www.musicatfirstsite.com.

THEATER, "HELLO DOLLY!": Presented by the Bishop Kearney High School Players. \$13 (\$10 for students and seniors). 7:30 pm. Bishop Kearney High School [2202 60th St. at Bay Parkway in Bensonhurst, (718) 236-6363]; www.bishopkearneyhs.org.

MUSIC, JON GIBSON AND NINA WINTHROP: \$15. 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. between Third Avenue and Nevins Street in Downtown, (917) 267-0363]; www.roulette.org.

MUSIC, SHONEN KNIFE, THE HARD NIPS, HEAVY CREAM: \$12 (\$10 in advance). 10 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510]; www.thebellhouse-ny.com.

MUSIC, IN THE SHADOWS: With Michael Gladstein and Garth Stevenson. \$15. 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. between Third Avenue and Nevins Street in Downtown, (917) 267-0363]; www.roulette.org.

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READING, ARTIE BENNETT: Author



Sharp edges: Go see beloved Japanese pop-punk outfit Shonen Knife on Friday Nov. 18 at The Bell House

SAT, NOV. 19

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

TOUR, AN AFTERNOON WITH PAUL AUSTER: Author of "Sunset Park." \$20. 1 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 768-7300]; www.greenwood.com.

THEATER, "A SIXTIETH KIND OF LOVE": Presented by the Strivelli Players and the Ridge Repertory Company. \$20. 8 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [405-81 St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Bay Ridge].

MUSIC, JOHN WESLEY HARDING, THE MINUS 5: \$15. 9 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510]; www.thebellhouse-ny.com.

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, "MADAME BUTTERFLY": Presented by Regina Opera Company. 3 pm. Regina Hall [1210 65th St. at 12th Avenue in Dyker Heights, (718) 259-2772]; www.reginaopera.org.

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A Muppet shindig

A Park Slope bar celebrates Henson's creations

By Juliet Linderman
The Brooklyn Paper

The new star-studded Muppet movie is getting a ton of buzz, but you don't have to wait until its holiday-season release to get your anthropomorphic animal fix.

Head to Union Hall in Park Slope on Nov. 20 for the latest installment of monthly Muppet mash-up party, "The Muppet Vault," where Henson-obsessed duo Joe Hennes and Ryan Roe screen rare, and often ancient, footage from the beloved series.

The theme of this month's event is, aptly, "A Very Muppet Comeback," and will feature a screening of little-known

EVENT

The Muppet Vault at Union Hall [702 Union St., between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], Nov. 20, 2 pm, \$8. For info, visit www.unionhallny.com.

1979 Muppet television special, "The Muppets Go Hollywood," which follows the fuzzy felt-covered cast down the red carpet at the premiere of their first film, "The Muppet Movie."

"What's not to love about Muppets?" asked Hennes, clearly rhetorically. He and Roe launched "The Muppet Vault" program almost two years ago at the Bell House to pay homage to a childhood favor-

ite that has endured the test of time.

"Muppets are hilariously funny and incredibly inventive—and the fact that Muppets are so old means the people who loved them as kids now love them as adults," said Hennes, who also co-writes the definitive Muppet fansite, Toughpigs.com. "We cater to adult-aged fans."

Yes, there are screenings, contests, trivia, prizes and sing-alongs—but there are also Muppet-themed cocktails that are definitely not for kids.

"There's something that's very fun about turning TV into a social party," said Jerm Pollet, founder of Secret Formula Productions, who co-produces the show. "And this show, especially, is so mythological—the Muppets are gods of the universe."

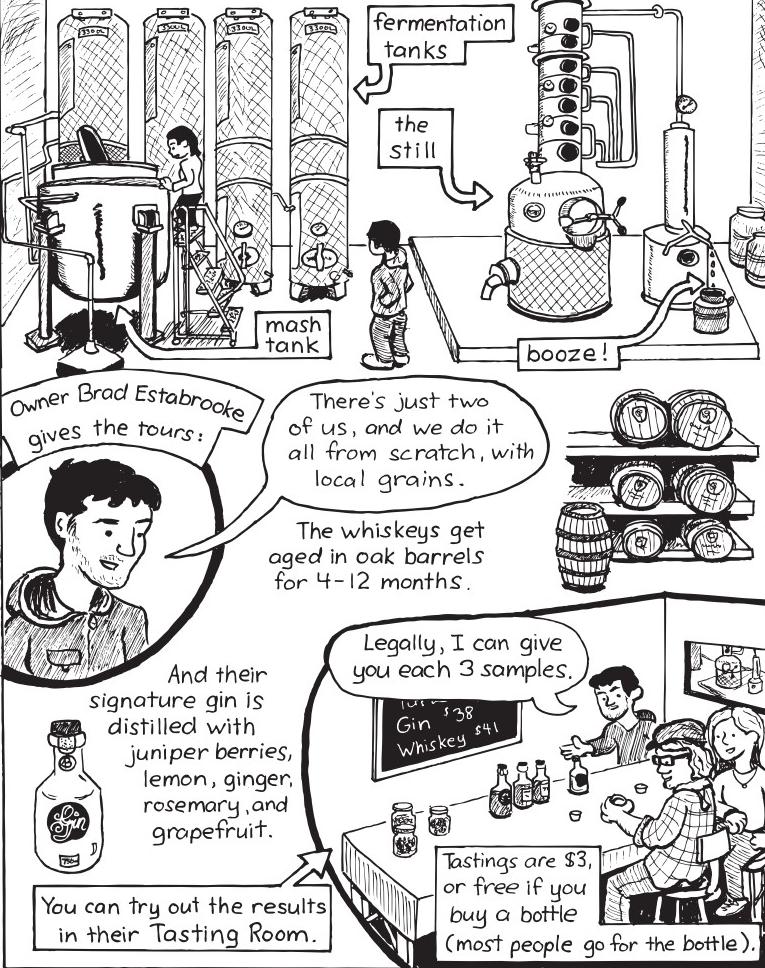
Courtesy of Joe Hennes

Tickle me: Joe Hennes and Ryan Roe cozy up to Elmo. And next week, the duo will celebrate the Muppets at the Bell House.

BAR SCROWL

By Bill Roundy

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High on 'Dry'

Goods shop has retro-chic charm

By Kate Briquet
The Brooklyn Paper

Where can you find 1950s pastry cutters, a mouthwash invented for Louis XV, or eardrops for dogs made by Italian nuns?

Dry Goods, a tiny general store and apothecary that opened this month on Atlantic Avenue, is filling your need for heirloom-quality gifts made from their original molds and formulas.

"These are classic, beautiful things you could pass down to your kids," said shop owner and fashion designer Carla Brookoff. "They're still being made in same factories that have been making them for generations."

The shop near Hoyt Street has walls lined with old wooden cabinets filled with egg white soap from Belgium, durable American-made Thermoses by Stanley, and Pendleton wool blankets.

Named Dry Goods after the 18th-century term for textiles and non-perishables, the shop is curated based on treasures that Brookoff finds in her travels and at flea markets.

For instance, there's the disposable gingham napkins on a roll that she picked up



Got the goods: Employee Stella St. Clair shows off the retro, old-fashioned wares at Dry Goods, a throwback shop on Atlantic Avenue.

in Paris, Swedish soaps she brought back from Amsterdam, and Tala-brand baking wares from England—her English mother-in-law gave her a Talameasuring cup from when she first got married.

Then there are items Brookoff has collected for years, including century-old cast-iron animals in the form of doorstops, banks and nutcrackers.

"They are for sale but they are hard to part with—I'm not going to lie to you," Brookoff said.

New companies with retro-style packaging are also part of the nostalgic mix, with needles and notions from the

U.K.-based Merchant & Mills and Mayron's Goods all-natural diaper cream from Pennsylvania.

"I'm always on the lookout for things you don't have to hide away," Brookoff said. "Living in New York, so much stuff has to be out on display because we don't have room. We want you to find things that are beautiful and enrich your life and the tasks you have to do."

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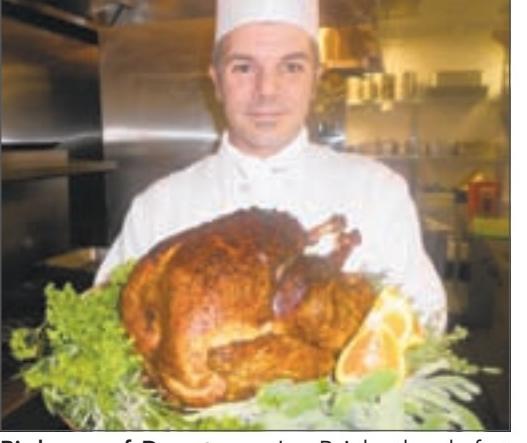
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Our meal call

Chef offers a full Thanksgiving meal

Prime Time

By Joe Raiola



Thanksgiving is one of my favorites because it is a holiday that all Americans can enjoy no matter what their religious background or where they are from.

I used to get together with my family every Thanksgiving at my aunt's house back in the old country, Staten Island. We usually gather around 1 pm and the grazing starts around 2:30 after a few glasses of wine and some appetizers, such as stuffed mushrooms and perhaps a salad.

At my Aunt Fran's, the turkey is the main attraction, surrounded by a pleth-

Bird man of Downtown: Joe Raiola, the chef at Morton's, has done it again. Follow his recipe for turkey and you'll be brining, roasting and devouring in no time!

Herb Roasted Turkey with Smoked Chicken and Apple Cornbread Stuffing

Yields: eight servings

FOR THE TURKEY

Table salt for the brine
Water for the brine
6 bay leaves
1 12-14 pound turkey fresh or defrosted.
12 ounces unsalted butter, room temperature
1 tbs. fresh sage leaves chopped, save the stems
2 tbs. Italian parsley leaves, chopped, save the stems
2 tbs. fresh thyme, chopped, save the stems
2 tbs. fresh rosemary, save the stems
1 tbs. black pepper
2 tsp. salt
1 orange, quartered

Two days before Thanksgiving, rinse the turkey thoroughly and pull out any undesirable parts such as the neck and anything else the butcher thought you may have wanted. I like to cut off the wing tips as well. Pat dry and put back in the fridge. In a large pot, put two gallons of water, five tablespoons of table salt and the bay leaves and bring it to a boil. Then put that in the fridge till it's cool.

Now place the turkey in a large pot or bucket and add the liquid to the turkey just enough to cover it, put it back in the fridge. Voilà! You are brining! The salt in the mixture is going to break down the proteins in the turkey and make it very tender. It also seasons it at the same time.

One day before Thanksgiving, take your turkey out of the brine and pat it dry. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, mix the butter, fresh herbs, salt and pepper. With a small knife, make a one-inch hole in the inside of both the thighs, next to the breast. Then use your hands to separate the skin from the breast as far back as you can. Work the butter mixture between the skin and the meat,

getting as much as you can under the skin. Use any leftover butter inside the cavity and over the top of the turkey. Use the stems from the fresh herbs and stuff them inside the cavity of the turkey as well as the orange.

Using butchers twine, tie the turkey legs close to the body. Refrigerate overnight.

On Thanksgiving Day, preheat your oven to 350 degrees and remove the turkey from the fridge. Roast the turkey on a wire rack in a large roasting pan for three-and-a-half hours, basting it every 20 minutes. Then, turn the oven up to 500 degrees and roast for another 30 minutes without basting.

Remove and place the turkey on the table to rest for about an hour before you carve. Take the juice from the pan and put it in a container and cool it (and don't wash the pan). We will use both the pan and the juices for the gravy.

FOR THE STUFFING

1 1/2 cups celery, medium dice
1 1/2 cups white onion, medium dice
1 1/2 cups white mushrooms, quartered
1 cup carrots, small dice
1 pound smoked chicken and apple sausage, medium dice
2 tbs. canola oil
1 tbs. fresh thyme, chopped
2 tbs. fresh sage, chopped
2 tbs. Italian parsley, chopped
3 pounds cornbread, diced
3 cups quality chicken stock
6 ounces unsalted butter

Sauté the first four ingredients over medium heat with about a tablespoon of oil until soft but not mushy. In a separate sauté pan, brown the chicken sausage over medium-high heat. In a big bowl, add the cornbread, fresh herbs

chicken stock, sausage, and vegetables. Very gently fold everything together (it's OK if the cornbread falls apart). Melt the butter and add it to the mixture. If it looks dry, you can add more stock. Put the mixture in a greased pan and refrigerate overnight.

Take the stuffing out of the fridge an hour before baking in a 375-degree oven for 45 minutes. Finish by uncovering and baking for another 15 minutes.

FOR THE CRANBERRY SAUCE

12 ounces fresh cranberries
2 bay leaves
2 whole star anise
3 ounces brown sugar
1 cup orange juice
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

In a medium sauce pan, add all the ingredients together. Simmer for about 15 minutes or until the cranberries start to become soft. That's it! Simple!

FOR THE GRAVY

4 tbs. flour
2 tbs. turkey fat
1 cup turkey "jelly"
3 cups of water

Take the turkey dripping out of the fridge. Take about two tablespoons of fat and add it to the roasting pan. Throw the rest out. Put the roasting pan directly over a burner on medium heat and add the flour to the pan with the grease. Let that cook about a minute then add the turkey jelly and about two cups of water. Strain the sauce through a fine mesh strainer and serve!

Happy holidays.

Joe Raiola is the executive chef at Morton's The Steakhouse [339 Adams St. between Willoughby and Tillary streets in Downtown, (718) 596-2700].

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HEALTH, AQUASIZE: For the 55 and older set, water aerobics; bring bathing suit, towel, water shoes and a lock. \$75. 2-3 pm. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur Avenue in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5050], www.kingsborough.edu.

TALK, CIVIL RIGHTS IN BROOKLYN — STORIES OF STRUGGLE AND PROTEST: A panel discussion about the civil rights movement. Free. 2 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklyn-history.org.

THE MUPPET VAULT — A VERY MUPPET COMEBACK: A clip reel of Muppet moments. \$12. 2 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

"A SIXTIES KIND OF LOVE": 2 pm. See Saturday, Nov. 19.

AN OFFER YOU CAN'T REFUSE

Happy DrinKsgiving!

Your guide to holiday hooch

By The Brooklyn Paper
Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau
The Brooklyn Paper

Whether you're spending the holidays solo, with family, or simply taking advantage of the fact that the city's emptier than the liquor cabinet after your estranged uncle came to town last year, chances are you're going to need a stiff drink — or five — come Turkey Day. Well, Brooklyn, be thankful: We've compiled a short-list of four seasonal boozy beverages to make it even easier for you to get lightly toasted this Thanksgiving. Drink it in!

The Port Of Call

A cocktail truly ideal for Thanksgiving time, this shaken elixir combines gin, ruby port, lemon, cinnamon bark syrup, a dash of aromatic bitters and cranberry preserve — all poured over ice — to create the perfect blend of sweet, tart, boozy and refreshing, with crisp and fresh notes of autumn.



Clover Club [210 Smith St. between Baltic and Butler streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 855-7939]. Cost: \$12. For info visit www.cloverclubny.com.

The Headless Horseman

In the mood for something hot, spicy and a little bit more adventurous than your average mulled wine or spiked apple cider? Head for the Drink for a Headless Horseman, a stewed mix of Weller bourbon with pink peppercorns, maple syrup, fresh pumpkin juice, vanilla black tea, chicory, lemon juice and grapefruit juice. This hot cocktail will warm you to the core — and its citrus notes will surely ward off any signs of scurvy (the bar is, after all, a nautical-themed Williamsburg watering hole). If pumpkin and maple isn't your bag, try the Espolon Tequila-tinted Smoke on the Water, featuring Sandeman's Tawny Port, lapsang su-chong smoked green tea syrup, lime juice, xoclatl mole bitters.

The Drink [228 Manhattan Ave. between Mauer and Grand streets in Williamsburg, (718) 782-8463].

With relish: Clover Club bartender Tom Macy with a Port Of Call, — his very own creation featuring cranberry relish.

Cost: \$5. For info, visit www.thedrinkbrooklyn.com.

Apples to Apples

Fans of classic hot cider will flock to Five Leaves in Williamsburg for this seasonal offering made with apple cider; Laird's Applejack brandy; cinnamon; cloves; and Averna, a li-

queur infused with herbs, citrus and caramel flavors. This steaming hot beverage will clear your sinuses, banish any lingering late-autumn colds, and make you feel like you're actually drinking a slice of warm apple pie — if it were extremely alcoholic.

Five Leaves [18 Bedford Ave. at N. 12th Street in Williamsburg, (718) 383-5345]. Cost: \$11. For info, visit www.fiveleavesny.com.

Post Road Pumpkin Ale

You can never go wrong with a nice frosty bottle of beer — especially when it's brewed right here in Brooklyn, and has seasonally-appropriate notes of pumpkin. Post Road Pumkin Ale is brewed with pumpkin mash, and features a warm, biscuity malt center that goes perfectly with seasonal foods like turkey, pie, potatoes and root veggies. Drink up, because once November's over, you'll have to wait until next August this specialty brew to return!

Brooklyn Brewery [79 N. 11th St. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 486-7422]. Friday happy hour, 6-11 pm. For info, visit www.brooklynbrewery.com.

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Foodie-in-Chief
By Sarah Zorn

Aliens land in Williamsburg, Montague Street gets pasta. Prospect Heights gets liquored up, and the road to Morocco veers out of Park Slope in this week's serving of saucy gossip:

What's in a name? OK, so maybe the name Oh, My Pasta! doesn't inspire confidence — but then down a bowl or two of Marco Lasala's fresher-than-fresh pappardelle ai funghi orecchiette e cime di rape (that's Puglian for awesome) and you won't care what monicker is on the Montague Street awning. Price points are a bit high, but Lasala is trying to invent a whole new way of serving pasta: fancy machines from Italy churn out the fresh noodles hourly — and then you eat them.

Smooth operator: Greg Yerman, owner of the Burrito Bar in Prospect Heights, sure knows how to work a community board. According to the Prospect Heights Patch, he pulled out all the stops during a recent liquor license hearing for M. Helen Kitchen, his upcoming farm-to-table restaurant on the corner of Carlton and Park Places. "In the last six years, we've won three commendations from the borough for beautifying our sidewalk (at Burrito Bar). We police and secure the area," he said. As a clincher, he added that he and his wife are expecting twins in January — convincing the board that he'll most assuredly need a full bar to go along with the grass-fed beef burgers and organic egg breakfasts at M. Helen.

Gwynnett to win it: Here's a new 'Billyburg boite with plenty of pedigree — Gwynnett Street (on Graham Avenue, just to be confusing), is a market-driven collaboration from the former wine director of Esca and a chef from wd-50. The rustic American



Community Newspaper Group / Julie Rosenberg

Mr. Noodle: Marco Lasala shows off the Italian pasta maker that forms the core of his new restaurant, Oh My Pasta! (Ignore the name, — the food is great.)

resto features the requisite line-up of small and large plates, but with decidedly unfamiliar flavor combos — think fresh cheese dumplings with carrots, grape must and smoked macadamia nuts, and wild salmon with kohlrabi, quince mustard and black barley.

Un poquito de Txikito: Ever wondered what Judeo-Spanish food tastes like? Grub Street reports that La Vara, the first Brooklyn venture from the owners of Txikito and El Quinto Pino in Chelsea, will take its influences from the Moorish and Jewish legacies in Spanish cuisine. Challah and chorizo? Paella and potato pancakes? Whatever it means, expect some interesting eats to come out of the space on Clinton Street near Cobble Hill Park this winter.

Unidentified flying restaurant: Hipsters beware; the Martians have landed on Grand Street! You'd have to

live light years away to miss newcomer Alien Café's glaring neon signage, although the edible offerings are far from extraterrestrial (Blue Bottle coffee, chicken sandwiches, veggie burgers, soup). You'd also have to be pre-programmed not to smile at the little Play-Doh aliens tucked into niches on the exposed brick walls. They come in peace!

BYO Buttermilk: What's better than the duck meatloaf at Buttermilk Channel? Free corkage Tuesdays at Buttermilk Channel! Bococaland shared an open letter from owner Doug Crowell, inviting guests to bring over a wine of their choice, which will be served "in our finest stemware and with elegant flair," sans pricey restaurant mark-ups. He suggests a "first growth Bordeaux" or that "Grand Cru Chablis behind the milk in your fridge," so refrain from smuggling in a Two Buck Chuck from the local Trader Joes.

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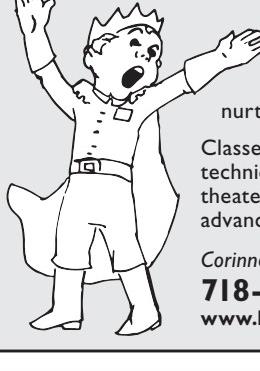
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To be a great dad, fail sometimes



**The
Dad**

By Scott Sager

Sometimes apologizing to my daughters in easy, almost meaningless, "I'm sorry we're out of orange juice. Now eat your breakfast." The words are virtually empty and function as grease to keep us moving on schedule or slide over a minor disappointment. "I'm sorry your notebook got all messed up. We can get a new one tomorrow."

There are other times, though, when genuine repentance is called for but I'm silent. My oldest daughter was recently upset with me for something I'd written about her. Rather than listen to her feelings, I tried to convince her she was wrong, that what I'd done was correct and justified, that she was being oversensitive. This accomplished nothing except to escalate the situation and push us towards open conflict.

Why couldn't I hear what she was trying to tell me; that she felt embarrassed and hurt? Pride? Ego? Self-importance? All of the above?

Yes. There's a lot of self-esteem wrapped up in being a dad. I want to be a great father, sensitive, wise, perfect in every way. I want to be a strong dad, wielding authority judiciously and with benevolence. Of course, sometimes I get it wrong.

At the best of times, apologizing can be hard to do. Is this a guy thing? Can I blame my defensiveness on that pesky "Y" chromosome? Is my inability to spit out my mea culpa somehow tied to my masculinity? It'd be nice to think so, but when it comes to my kids, I really believe it's about being a parent.

Apologizing is an acknowledgement, clearly and in all capital letters, that I have failed at something, screwed up, that I'm not perfect.

One good defense is to blame someone else for my shortcomings. I remember a moment in the car, a few years ago, my younger daughter and I started arguing when I asked her to do something—I can't even remember what it was about. I got frustrated and felt trapped and tense and I just needed her to cooperate. Well, I lost it. I really screamed at her and she looked at me, frightened, and started to cry. The first words out of my mouth were, "I'm sorry, but you were making me..." That was no apology, I was

trying to blame her for my behavior.

I could see, looking at her, that I was diminished in her eyes and I felt so, small.

The irony is that if I worry too much about being Superdad then my cape is more

likely to get dirty and torn. By setting aside my ego, really listening to my daugh-

ters, admitting my mistakes, I'm actually a better parent. A fallible father, to be sure, but more genuine, honest and human.

Back in that car, I was able to pull over, turn to my daughter and say I was sorry for yelling at her, that I was wrong for what I did. And with my older daughter, last week, I was able to catch

myself before I really blew it and apologize for what I'd written and how it had made her feel. Both my girls have seen me humbled, imperfect and that's alright. Really, the important lesson is that we all screw up.

Take responsibility and ask for forgiveness, because we're all human, even dads.

other Ratner promise.

The lawsuit highlights the growing tension between the developer, who relied on support from organized labor to win approval for a project that he said would create 1,500 construction jobs per year over its 10-year buildout, and Atlantic Yards opponents, who argued that Ratner's promises were false.

"This was the biggest bait-and-switch in the history of Brooklyn," said Councilwoman Letitia James (D—Fort Greene).

Even the job training program itself — run by Ratner's allies at BUILD — was a lie, the suit claims.

Several plaintiffs said they quit their jobs to enroll in the course, but instead of earning union memberships, they spent most of the time doing basic demolition work — without pay — on a construction site in Staten Island.

"We wound up with nothing," said Clarence Stewart, who left his job to take the course. "Somebody has to answer for this."

RATNER...

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"community benefits agreement," and again as a verbal promise at a meeting held by Brooklyn United for Innovative Local Development.

Ratner spokesman Joe DePlasco said that there are 779 people working on the Barclays Center right now.

Roughly 22 percent of that total are workers from Brooklyn. None came from

the job-training program, plaintiffs charge.

DePlasco denied that Ratner executives ever promised participants in the training program jobs or so-called "union cards."

"Forest City Ratner did not promise union cards, nor was it ever in a position to [do so]," DePlasco said in an e-mail.

All workers on the project belong to labor unions, an-

CAT...

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BeeBop, a feisty feral tom who loves bacon, went missing on June 28 after a mover left the door open. A few days later, he was found at the Heights Players community theater on Willow Place. A member of the troupe kept the cat there for several days, but before Sheehan could retrieve her beloved, someone else freed the cat so that he wouldn't urinate on the costumes.

Ever since, Sheehan has tirelessly posted "Missing" ads on Craigslist for her neutered pet, who is black with a white belly and a white chin with a black nose and black spot on the right side of his face. She has also consulted with pet psychics and enlisted locals to circulate fliers — many of which were mysteriously torn down.

Sheehan and her search team believe that BeeBop is the next Jack the Cat, the mouser that became an inter-

national celebrity after disappearing at the airport, setting off a two-month search that involved airline staff, thousands of Facebook fans, psychics and a pet detective.

The cat was successfully retrieved.

In Sheehan's case, the prognosticators are optimistic about the 2-year-old tabby, saying he is still in the area.

"I don't want to have a thousand crazy cat ladies walking around Brooklyn Heights screaming for him, but people want to keep the momentum going," Sheehan said.

The psychic told Sheehan that BeeBop was likely being cared for by a local family, and has divulged several possible addresses. In each case, Sheehan's cat-loving friends have showed up unannounced at the addresses, causing some neighbors to misinterpret all the concern about BeeBop as some kind of weird cat-thieving ring.

"It's amazing to have so much effort in the neighborhood for one cat," said Heights resident Mary Reventlow.

"I've seen several instances where the people do recover animals four months later," Sherman said. "The problem is that Cathy has to depend on the kindness of strangers to help her."

Anyone with information on BeeBop should contact Sheehan at (917) 837-6899 or visit www.facebook.com/whereisbeeboob. There's a \$325 reward for his safe return — no questions asked.

DOG...

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your pet."

X-rays revealed that Tali's leg was broken in two places.

The vet said that \$3,000 in surgery might be needed. The first vet visit alone cost the Prospect Lefferts Gardens resident \$720.

Later, Bednarska posted flyers inside the park, as well as an ad on Craigslist recounting the dog-on-dog crime.

Bednarska said she's considering a lawsuit if the owner is found but does not offer any money.

She might have a case. "Pets are property, and like cars, they are subject to the control and liability of their owners," said civil attorney Morgan Smith.

Contact Kasia Bednarska at (917) 288-1164 with any information about the doggie debacle.

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"She asked the cashier, 'Everything is for free?'" said the restaurant's owner, Dajo Zhao.

Zhao said that the cashier explained that not everything was free—but that only enraged the woman, who slammed her fingers down on the menu, screaming, "Free, free, free, free!"

Attempts to calm the woman failed. And that's when the lo mein hit the fan—literally.

The unhinged woman began throwing everything she could see, screaming with rage and wildly flailing at any object in her path.

Her manic tornado moved to the back of the restaurant, where she pushed over equipment, threw food, and even punched a chef.

"This old lady was trashing the place," said Noreen Monier, who owns Tops Restaurant & Bar Supply on Third Avenue between 80th and 81st streets. "I told her to stop and she threw a watermelon at me. She had superhuman strength. She said, 'I'll stop when I'm good and ready!'"

After destroying the tiny take-out joint, the woman then ran into the middle of Third Avenue and took off

her clothes.

"She was prancing around," said a witness, who would only be identified as Jessica. "At first it was funny, but then it got scary."

The scene drew roughly 300 onlookers, who snapped pictures and took video of the insanity. Some onlookers heckled the woman, which only seemed to fuel this nude bomb.

At one point, she even laid down on the hood of a black convertible, whose driver didn't know what to do.

"You just never seen nothing like this. She's naked as the day she was born, spread eagle on the car," said Michael Clancy, who was walking his dog when the woman began to strip.

The still-naked woman made her way back into the restaurant, where she began chuckling Snapple bottles and destroying anything she hadn't already devastated. This is the part that was captured so well on YouTube, though the website removed the video on Tuesday (and our friends at BrooklynDaily.com didn't have the guts to print the pictures uncensored).

"She's picking up the phones, answering calls and throwing money," said



Clancy.

It might have ended there—after all, how many bottles of Snapple can one restaurant contain?—but the woman's frenzy sparked a grease fire that spread quickly.

Eventually, firefighters showed up to contain the blaze. Cops showed up to contain the woman. It took a few attempts, but the woman was eventually corralled in a blanket and cuffed.

Cops in the 68th Precinct did not respond to calls requesting information about what, if anything, the woman was charged with.

Locals know the woman as a regular on Third Avenue, where she was often seen

talking to herself while walking down the street.

"She mutters to herself and argues a little, but she seems well taken care of," said Monier.

But on Thursday, at least, it was clear that the woman had snapped, she said.

"She was completely gone, you could tell," said Monier.

The weird spectacle was the talk of the strip on Monday, where witnesses were still recovering from the shock.

"In my 36 years on Third Avenue, I've never seen anything like that," said one merchant, who would only identify himself as Harry.



A woman took off all of her clothes in the middle of Third Avenue (left) after trashing a Chinese restaurant in a bizarre rampage last Thursday. (Above) Still nude, she returned to damage the restaurant some more, cops said.

LAKE...

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— oxygen-producing organisms ranging from single-celled bacteria to more-sophisticated life forms such as seaweed.

"It's just scum in a pond," she said. "It's natural."

Prospect Park Alliance spokesman Paul Nelson added the group has been monitoring levels of the slime for years. "It is not a significant threat to public safety at this point," he said. "Nature is not always pretty and clean and neat."

Park-goers aren't taking any chances.

Satdarshan Khalsa, whose Beagle-mix tried to hop in the water on Monday, said he now has a new rule for his pup.

"She's not jumping in the lake until we get a definitive answer [from the city]," he said. "We'll stay away from the water."

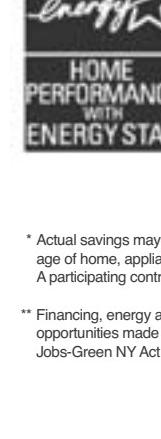
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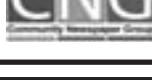
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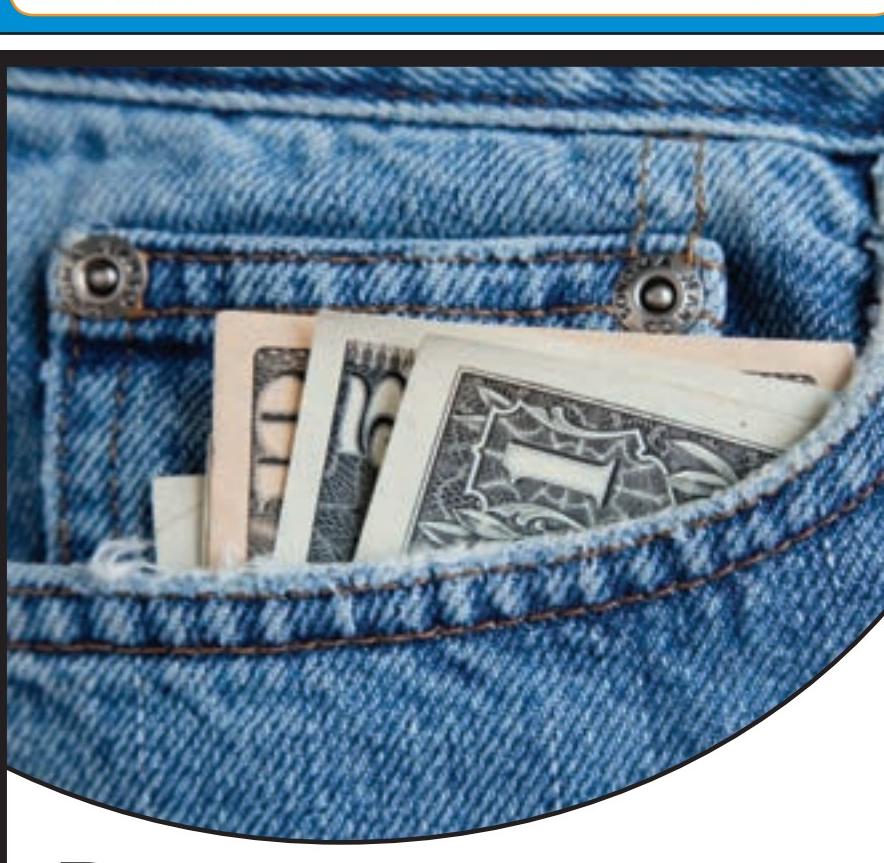
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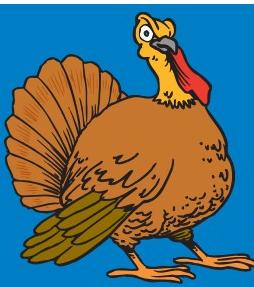
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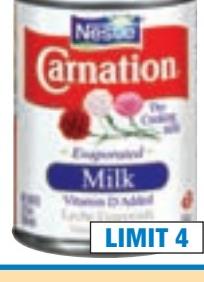


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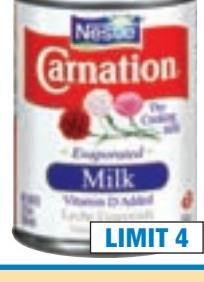
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